



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0460	<b>Title:</b>	Revise mining laws
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Keane, Jim	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### Description of Fiscal Impact:

HB 460 revises metal mine reclamation laws and has no fiscal impact to the state.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

1. The DEQ will continue to receive applications for permits under the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, reflecting market prices and exploration successes in the state.
2. The cost of providing information to evaluate potential water discharges will be the responsibility of applicants.
3. The DEQ will continue to determine, based on site visits and document reviews, that existing reclamation plans will occasionally need to be modified.
4. The cost of amended reclamation plans, technical analyses, and temporary bonds calculated by third parties will be the responsibility of permittees. Any agency expenses will be met from existing budgets.
5. Adequate bond amounts will reduce future potential fiscal liabilities to state taxpayers.

**Technical Notes:**

1. The term "applicable effluent limitations," which appears on page 3, line 23, is sometimes used to refer to technology-based effluent limitations only. These limitations are based on current technology and may not achieve compliance with water quality standards. Therefore, use of the term might not in all situations require applicants to submit information necessary to evaluate the potential to violate water quality standards. The term should be modified to "applicable water quality standards."

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